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SUBJ: THREE SAUDI MINISTERS TO JOIN PARIS TALKS

1. MAY 27 ARAB NEWS REPORTED SAUDI PRESS AGENCY STORY THAT SAUDI MINISTERS OF INFORMATION (DR. MOHAMMAD ABDO YAMANI), AGRICULTURE AND WATER (DR. ABD AL-RAHMAN AL SHEIKH), AND INDUSTRY AND ELECTRICITY (DR. GHAZI AL-GOSAIBI) LEFT RIYADH ON MAY 26 FOR GENEVA WHERE THEY WILL ACCOMPANY KING KHALID ON HIS VISIT TO PARIS BEGINNING MONDAY.

2. PAPER ALSO REPORTED FRENCH SOURCES' STATEMENT THAT SAUDI-FRENCH TALKS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO MAIN AREAS: ONE DEVOTED TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS INCLUDING HORN OF AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST, AND WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER, AND A SECOND CENTERING ON BILATERAL RELATIONS AND REVIEW OF FRANCH-SAUDI COOPERATION IN DEFENSE, NUCLEAR ENERGY, OIL, AND INFORMATION POLICY. THE LATTER ROUND OF TALKS PRESUMABLY WILL INVOLVE THREE MINISTERS NAMED ABOVE.

3. ARAB NEWS STORY CITED SAUDI PRESS AGENCY REPORT THAT DRAFT AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED DURING VISIT AND NOTED UNCONFIRMED REPORT FROM PARIS - BASED WEEKLY AL-WATAN
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AL-ARABI THAT SAUDI ARABIA MIGHT BE PREPARED TO DEPOSIT FIVE BILLION DOLLARS IN FRENCH BANKS DEPENDING ON OUTCOME OF NEXT WEEK'S TALKS.
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